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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), UR

SUBJECT: DOBRYNIN AND CARGO FREIGHT RATES

1. BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE ON FREIGHT RATES THAT DOBRYNIN MENTIONED TO YOU ON THE 'PHONE EARLIER TODAY. I HAVE GIVEN COPIES TO HARTMAN, GREENWALD AND SONNENFELDT AND ASKED THEM TO PREPARE A RECOMMENDATION FOR YOU ON HOW TO PROCEED.

2. TEXT OF MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

MOSCOW HAS PAID ATTENTION TO THE BILL NOW UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE CONGRESS, WHICH CONCERNS FOREIGN STATE-OWNED MERCHANT VESSELS TAKING PART IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF CARGOES TO AND FROM THE US PORTS.

JUDGING BY THE CONTENTS OF THE PUBLISHED BILL ITS PROVISIONS ARE AIMED FIRST OF ALL AGAINST THE ENTERPRISES OF
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THE SOVIET MERCHANT MARINE FOR WHICH UNEQUAL TREATMENT

WOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH REGARD TO THE PARTICIPATION IN
THE SAID TRANSPORTATION OF CARGOES.

THE ENACTMENT OF SUCH MEASURES WOULD NOT CORRESPOND TO THE
GENERAL COURSE IN THE SOVIET-US RELATIONS TAKEN JOINTLY BY

OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE RECENT YEARS, TO THE SPIRIT AND
SUBSTANCE OF THE AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS ACHIEVED
BETWEEN US. IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THIS WOULD FURTHER
COMPLICATE THE SITUATION IN THE FIELD OF TRADE AND
ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
UNITED STATES, WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN DAMAGED AS A
RESULT OF THE ADOPTION IN THE UNITED STATES OF TRADE
LEGISLATION DISCRIMINATORY TO THE SOVIET UNION. NEITHER
DO THE SAID MEASURES CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION
IN EUROPE IN WHICH THE PARTICIPATING STATES PRONOUNCED
THEMSELVES IN FAVOUR OF EXPANDING COOPERATION IN THE
FIELD OF TRADE, OF REMOVING ALL KINDS OF OBSTACLES IN
THE WAY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES.

IT IS HOPED IN MOSCOW THAT THE US SIDE WILL SHOW DUE
UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOTIVES UNDERLYING OUR RAISING THIS
QUESTION AND THAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ACTIONS
WHICH COULD ONLY COMPLICATE OUR RELATIONS. END TEXT ROBINSON

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